

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 13-22 and 31-34 are presently pending in the case. Claim 1 has been amended. The amendment to claim 1 is supported by the specification as originally filed, for example see page 7 line 26. Reconsideration of the present case in view of the above amendments and the remarks herein is requested.

Allowable Claims

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 13-22 and 31-34 are allowable.

Claims 1-4

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,980,074 to Watt et al (hereinafter Watt et al). The rejection was affirmed by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the decision mailed on July 13, 2009.

Independent claim 1 has been amended above to overcome the rejection. More specifically, claim 1 has been amended to replace the term "enclosed" with the term "sealed." As stated in the Board decision, "Appellant's have *ipsis verbis* support for a 'sealed cavity' (see Spec. 7, l. 26) which would have excluded vents such as those disclosed in Watt" (Page 9, line 3-4). Accordingly, Applicant believes amended claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 2-4 depend from claim 1 and are also believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.


Conclusion

The claims are allowable for the reasons given above. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the present rejections and allow the presently pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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